

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously presented) A copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein:

the polymerizable vinyl monomer consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, and

the weight ratio of the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500, the methyl methacrylate and the acrylic acid is 60 to 90: 7 to 38: 0.5 to 12.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously presented) A copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,

wherein the polymerizable vinyl monomer consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer.

15-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously presented) The copolymer according to claim 14, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolyzation degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

23-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently amended) A composition comprising the copolymer of claim 14, and a solvent ~~medicine, animal drug, agricultural chemical, fertilizer or food component.~~

29. (Previously presented) A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the composition according to claim 28.

30. (Previously presented) The copolymer according to claim 12, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolization degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

31. (Currently amended) A composition comprising the copolymer of claim 12, and a solvent ~~medicine, animal drug, agricultural chemical, fertilizer or food component~~.

32. (Previously presented) A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the composition according to claim 31.

33. (Previously presented) A binder comprising the copolymer of claim 14.